

**CITY OF OREM**  
**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Minutes**  
**March 24, 2014**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Aaron Orullian	Chair
Carol Manwaring	Vice Chair
Rhonda Wilkinson	
Marlon & Ann Snow	
Jim & Barbara Campbell	
Judy Cox	
Sean Orullian	
Scott Sampson	
Gayla Muir	
Brent Sumner	City Council Representative
Steve Weber	Staff Support
Debbie Lindsay	Clerical

**EXCUSED** - Aaron Orullian

**ABSENT** – Marlon & Ann Snow, Sean Orullian, Scott Sampson

**I.** Approval of minutes – Gayla Muir made a motion to approve the minutes. Rhonda Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

**II.** Results of City Council Presentation – Gayla said that Aaron did a wonderful job on the presentation. The City Council liked the banners and seem excited about this project. They were also impressed by the collaboration between UVU and the City. The Council preferred the white banner. The final colors will be white, blue and green. They will be UVU (green), UVU & City (white) and City (blue). Banners will be turned over to the Traffic and Street Lighting Section. They have the trucks to put up the banners. The arms to hang the banners on will be put up on the University Parkway section. There will be approximately 75 banners hung on University Parkway between Geneva Rd and State St. There are 200 banners being made. The remainder of the banners will be hung on Center St and 800 N at the east and west entrances to the City. Currently we expect to hang banners up from I-15 to 800 W. There has been some discussion about placing banners at the intersection of 800 N and State St on all four corners. The banners are supposed to be done and ready to hang by March 26th. They will be hung green, blue, white order. When banners need to be changed for Summerfest or Storytelling, the white one will be taken down and replaced. Storytelling will affect 800 N and Summerfest will affect mainly Center St.

Aaron also showed the plaque for donors to the Council. The Council passed it between themselves and seemed to like the idea

**III.** Update on Flower Pot Project – Barbara Campbell spoke with Ryan Cook prior to coming to the meeting. He told her that the pots have been planted for 2 or 3 weeks now. He planted pink, purple and yellow Wave petunias. They are currently twice the size they were when planted. They will be ready to be hung the second or third week of May. Steve reports that the brackets are being moved to poles around the City Center along State, the south side of 100

N, the north side of Center St and 3 or 4 poles on the south side of Center St near Smith's and to the SE corner.

Gayla asked about donations. Carol explained that we took donations last year for standing flower pots to be put on Center around businesses. However, that has been tabled and we are concentrating on the flowerbed in front of the City Center.

Carol is updating the fliers that are next to the Beautification bulletin board at the City Center.

Steve mentioned that there are plans for State St. The City is thinking of creating an RFP(?) to envision State St. It would be an over-all comprehensive look at State St. and how the City would like State St to look in the future. This will be presented to City Council tomorrow (March 25, 2014). In the meeting he was attending, he mentioned that the Beautification Commission would like a voice in this plan. There will be an Ad Hoc committee or Commission appointed by the City Council with one or possibly two members of the Beautification Commission serving on this committee/commission as well as some members from the Transportation Commission, Arts Commission and UDOT. They would be working with a consultant on what the citizens would like to see and what future businesses would look like. It would put restrictive covenants on what buildings could look like to make it more cohesive. This is in the preliminary stages at this point, but will probably happen. Brent Sumner said this would probably also include University Parkway and Center St. This would be a long-term thing, probably a 20-30 year plan.

Gayla suggested putting an "Adopt-a-pot/spot" on the City website in order to generate interest in the hanging pot project. She also suggested a flyer handed out to each neighborhood chair to be distributed to the neighborhoods. Carol explained that last year she went door-to-door to businesses soliciting donations. This was only slightly successful. They were all enthusiastic about it until it came time to write a check. She did have some success with one business.

**IV.** Panhandling concerns and proposed action - Judy said she and Aaron had been discussing this issue and how Provo is handling the panhandling situation there. Provo created an ordinance that states you cannot hand anything out a car window. She also said there was a bill passed in the legislature that she said was "really stupid" bill. It was passed but it really doesn't address the problem. It states that you can't walk in the road, that you have to use the sidewalk. She said it is less on controlling the panhandling issue and more about the safety of the pedestrians, including panhandlers. She said that she and Aaron would like to work with Brent in getting some sort of ordinance in place here in Orem regarding handing things out the window of a vehicle. Both Carol and Judy mentioned that they would like to see signs that Provo and some other cities have posted in strategic places stating to not give money to the panhandlers but to donate to the community food bank and other places that care for the homeless. Judy also mentioned that there would have to be increased awareness by the police as the "homeless" steal the signs. Brent said he would bring it up in the City Council work meeting tomorrow.

**V.** City Center Flowerbed – when to start – discussed previously. Judy and Rhonda will talk to Sean Orullian who has some experience with design. Both Judy and Carol have volunteered their trucks to use and Judy has donated one truck load of soil amendments. Judy is going to contact someone at the Scout office to see if this bed could be an Eagle Scout project. Carol also said that we cannot rely on the Parks department crews to take care of this bed. It needs to be fairly low maintenance. There was discussion previously about covering the bed in bark to keep

the weeds down.

**VI.** Other business – Carol put in a plug for Neighborhoods In Action (NIA). She specifically mentioned the dumpster program. Her Stake has utilized this program to clean up common areas. She said that we need to realize that weeds and debris are just as unsightly as no flowers. Judy asked if we could post this on our FaceBook page. More information is available at the City Manager's office.

Gayla suggested to Judy that when she goes to get her truckload of soil amendment, see if the nursery or wherever would be willing to work a two-for-one deal. Judy said she would and that she also has a tiller that we can use to mix the soil.

Brent wanted to know if the Commission is planning on putting a booth up at Summerfest. We will do what we did last year and have a parade entry. Carol mentioned that they need to purchase a lot more candy than last year. They ran out long before the parade did.

Carol asked about neighborhood assignments. Debbie volunteered to work with someone from the Commission to re-assign neighborhoods. Rhonda volunteered/was volunteered to come help. Rhonda will call Debbie and set up a day and time.

**VII.** Adjournment – Barbara Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Judy Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 28, 2014 at 4:30 pm to be held at the Public Works Complex.